(b) and (c) The Federation lias, interalia, suggested the following ior rationalising the provisions 01 tiie Prevention of Food Adulteration Act
1954:

(i) Penalties be graded according to tuc gravity ol urtenee — The provisions specifying minimum punishment should be deleted.

(ii; Imported food articles should net be subjected to the provisions of the Prevention of Food Auul-tenuion Act and certificate issued bj tlie exporting country with re-gai\l 10 the nature and quality of fo id imported should be deemed to be sufficient compliance of me Pn:v union of rood Adulteration A 1 in India.

(id) Provisions be made per-nv'tnng appointment of more than one nominee by a company.

(i\) Prosecution of manufacture/supplier alone in certain situations when vendor does not seem to be responsible for the offer ce.

(d) The Report of the Task Force has *b* v:i examined by the Government in consultalion with the Central Committee on Food Standards, a Statul jry Committee set up under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act 1954 and the representatives of Con-federation of Indian Fond Trade and Industry fdFTI) ami the process for initiating modifications has com-mence 1,

Sub-ci\'tca! iiuLMai tests conducted by USA

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W. t: . PRIME MINISTER be Housed to refer in answer to Unstirred Question (90 riven i$_n$ the Raiya Sabha on the *Z'ih* July, 1997. and state:

(a) what is the precise nature sad number of $ub-:rilical nuclear testa con-ducted so far by the USA; and

(b) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OP STATE IN THE MiNJMKY Or EXrERNAX AFFAIRS lilniRl SALEEM IQBAL sHEKWAMj: U) Un Juiy 2, **J.SW7,** the Untied Stales conducted cue iue-crtfieai nu^iear i«jt condenamed "Rebound' at its test site in .vi.dvu. ine test has oven called "iUU-critical" because no critical mas is formed during the experiment which can lead 10 a seu-sustatttiog nuclear chain taction.

(b) Government have taken note of tho "sub-critical" underground nuclear test and expressed con.crn that this has beca justified "as an activity pe.mitted under the CTBT". These developments coniirm the validity o: Indij's concerns exp during the CTBT negotiation*, as well as our eventual decision last year, that India could not be a party to such s treaty. India however continues to remain committed to BCitevJBj genuine sndeaf disarmament in a comprehensive and non-di-criminatory manner.

McdicJ collaboration between SRMC, Cbennai and HMS. I

•336 SHRI AKHILESH & will the PRIMI MINISTER be pleased to slate; (a) whether Government ire aware that Shri Rjunucbandn (SRMC), Iihemai, has *tied* up with toe School of USA, for collaborative efforts in the key areas cf research, (realm B) ttanvfer of information, as repot i?d in the Hindu, dated [he 27th July, 1997;

(hi whether an agreement to ihh has ijnce brcn signed betsvetti the "ives ul the SRMC anj the Harvaerd School; an J

(c) if so. what are the brosd featwrw of Use ssreenseat?